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Subject: Permit Review Status, Skull Valley Diatomaceous Earth Mine,
M/045/060, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Stephens:

On February 18, 2005, the Division received your reply to our initial review of large mining Notice of Intention for the Skull Valley Diatom mine. Due to a backlog of other permit reviews, the Division has not been able to complete a review of your response within the usual 30-day timeframe. We apologize for the delay and any inconvenience this may cause you.

We hope to complete our review of your application within the next 45-60 days. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this regard. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns with this proposed review schedule.

Sincerely,

Joelle Burns
Minerals Secretary

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cc: Glen Carpenter, BLM, SLFO (UTU-77753)
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